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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director, Central Intelligence
THROUGH : Deputy Director (Plans)
SUBJECT : Loan of RB-69 Aircraft to U.S. Navy

1. Discussions with U.S. Navy representatives indicate that it would be mutually advantageous for the Agency to loan to the Navy the RB-69 aircraft currently in storage at Lockheed Aircraft Corporation.

2. Such a transaction would provide the Navy with a much needed test facility utilizing [] in the study of its potential in the field of anti-submarine warfare. The Agency would benefit in being relieved of the cost of operating and maintaining this aircraft as a standby capability based in the XI. 25X1

3. The Navy is agreeable to making this or another RB-69 available as required to maintain flight crew proficiency. The Navy has further agreed that this aircraft while in their possession would not be modified in any way to interfere with the Agencies configuration. All agency equipment except the [] would be removed from the aircraft, prior to its being loaned to the Navy, in such a manner that the aircraft may be returned to its normal configuration within twenty-four hours. 25X1

4. It is therefore recommended that the above mentioned aircraft be loaned to the Navy under the conditions outlined above. If you approve, a memorandum of understanding, addressed to the Navy, is attached for your signature.

WILLIAM BUCK
Colonel, USAF
Acting Chief
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